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> St. Simons North Beach at Goulds Inlet Advisory Lifted; **Advisory for Jekyll Clam Creek Beach Remains**

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for North Beach at Goulds Inlet on St. Simons Island (from 15<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street). The advisory for Clam Creek Beach on Jekyll Island (from Clam Creek to the old north picnic area) remains.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken October 27 show the beach water at Clam Creek on Jekyll contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Bacterial levels for North Beach at Goulds Inlet on St. Simons Island have dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory for that beach has been lifted.

The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in the area under advisory. Fish and other seafood caught from these areas should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The area will be retested and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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